

Chamber Meeting September 26th 2008
Fireside Room at the Hacienda

We all enjoyed coffee and wonderful fresh muffins from Terzettos

New Members

Moraga Education Foundation-Shari Simon, President. MEF supports K-8th and Campolindo HS in Moraga. Last year they raised \$1.2 million. This year their goal is \$1.3 million. She is looking for ways to work with businesses and to support the Shop Moraga First campaign.

Water saving devices can be mailed to you

Edy announced that if you did not get your water saving devices from EBMUD at the picnic in August, you do not have to miss out. Write down your name on a list and provide your address and CLD # and they will mail you what you would like.

The devices included are: shower heads, inside faucet heads, and an outside watering spray heads.

Pear Festival is September 27th

The Chamber will have a booth-please give Edy any flyers or things you would like the Chamber to give out from your business. We are looking for help in the booth as well. Can you sign up for 1-2 hours?

Season of Light-Dec 6th

Peg Render, Co-chair of the Season Of Light, discussed the event that will take place in both the Rheem Valley and Moraga Center shopping areas on Dec 6th. The Chamber is encouraging shops in both centers to decorate for the holiday season. Home Goods is offering all Chamber members discounts for decorations to help out. There will be singing and entertainment though out the day. Santa will be at Rheem for photos from 11-2-sponsored by the Rheem Valley shopping center.

Tree Lightning -Dec 6th

Jay Ingram announced that at this point the town is not sure if we will have the tree lighting ceremony at the Commons to cap off the day or not.

They are trying to raise \$9200 from businesses and citizens to pay for it. He should know by the end of October if this will happen or not.

Holiday Party at Aegis December 9th

Edy announced that once again, Aegis of Moraga has offered to host the

Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party Tuesday evening, Dec 9th. Mark your calendar and prepare yourself for a wonderful evening.

Saint Mary's College

Tim Farley, Director, Community & Government from Saint Mary's College, introduced us all to Erik Coleman, President of Associated Students at Saint Mary's College. Eric reminded us that there are 2500 potential customers at SMC and he would like to work with us to connect the students with the town of Moraga. There are a lot of events happening at SMC:

Thursday, Oct 2nd, 10:00 am Blue Mass

Wednesday, Oct 8th, CLAM,

Monday, Nov 10th Post Election Analysis Forum with speakers from CC Times and SF Chronicle

December-Musical Celebration of Christmas

On-going -Gardens on Campus-Students growing their own food

Election Forums Coming up

Wednesday, Oct 1st-Candidates Night Forum- JM

Monday, Oct 13th Land Use Initiatives Forum-Soda Center SMC

Guest Speaker-Rhonda Chaikin, Green Marketing and Business Consultant

Rhonda has worked with the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce . She works with businesses to become Green Certified and she shared some ways you can become a greener business.

- Reduce junk mail-she can work with you to help reduce your junk mail-takes 3-6 months
- Use less packaging
- Buy 100% post consumer paper for copy paper and bags (can purchase this at Contra Costa Stationers in Lafayette)
- INK Cartridge –can buy reusable instead of HP
- Bring your extra Styrofoam from packing to the UPS store
- It is cheaper to recycle then it is to pay for more garbage bins
- Composite your food scraps in your Green cans
- Bring your e waste to ewaste recycle places- she know the good ones that handle the waste correctly
- CC Stationers takes Cell Phones and Rechargeable Batteries
- Moraga Hardware and Lumber and Longs both recycle batteries
- OSH recycles CFLs- Compact Florescent lights
- EBMUD offers good rebates and they will come out to your business for

an evaluation

Green Committee for Moraga Chamber

If you would be interested in joining the Green Drinks group or in forming a Green Committee for the Moraga Chamber-contact Bill Durkin from Sustainable Moraga.

Our next meeting will be an evening meeting-Tuesday, Oct 28th at 6:00 pm

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